

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY SUPPORTERS' SOCIETY LIMITED. (SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY SUPPORTERS' TRUST).

Registered under the Co-Operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014 (FCA Registration Number 8399).

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Society Members on 9 August 2022 via Zoom Conference

1. Attendance

At the commencement of the meeting 21 members were present and therefore the meeting was quorate.

2. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Jenni Smith and Robert Moore

3. The minutes of the 2021 AGM were approved as correct record.

4. There was one matter arising from the minutes of the 2021 AGM and that was to report that the rule changes approved at the AGM had been formally notified to, and accepted by, the FCA

5. Accounts and Financial Report for the year to end March 2021.

The Treasurer had presented written accounts and a financial report for the period ending 31 March 2022, these were received and formally adopted, including the report of the Independent Examiner.

6. Approval of Independent Examination of Accounts for the year to end March 2023.

It was approved that, in accordance with Section 84 of the Co-Operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014, the Society be authorised not to undertake a full professional audit of the accounts for period ending 31 March 2023.

7. The Annual Report of the Trust Board.

A written reports presenting an overview of key issues/achievements in the year to end March 2022 was received and approved.

8. To hold an affirmative ballot regarding elections.

The elections had been managed by the Elections Management Group – the EMG, the EMG was chaired by an independent chair from outside of the Trust (Neil Le Milliere). The independent chair's report had been circulated to members. Members voted to approve the two nominees en bloc. The following members were therefore appointed as Directors of the Society - Ian Bennett and Richard Marsh. As both have been co-opted members of the board during the 21/22 year both have already signed the Board Membership & Conduct Policy and can therefore immediately take up their new roles. The Trust now only has six elected Directors, the minimum required under Trust Rules.

9. Consideration of any members resolution given to the Secretary in accordance with rule 26.

No resolutions from members had been received by the Secretary before the deadline of 21 June 2021, so there were none to consider.

10. Consideration of any resolutions proposed by the Trust Board.

There were no proposed resolutions from the Trust Board.

11. Matters to be raised by Board Members or Trust Members on which no resolution may be put to the vote.

The Trust Board reported that they will develop an action plan, prioritising the delivery of projects that will make the most impact, given the Trust's limited, volunteer resources.

The Trust Board reported that the Trust will only have 6 elected Directors – the minimum required under Trust rules. In order to ensure that the Trust functions and can deliver activities the Trust needs to maximise the number of directors and also utilise volunteers who may be willing to help, even if they don't wish to be directors.

It was reported that following the report of the Fan Led Review of Football Governance, previous government commitments arising from that review, a government white paper on the future of football governance, and the current positions of the EFL, FA and PL there could be significant changes to fan engagement and football governance in the next 12 months. These changes could include the establishment of an Independent Regulator for Football and new rules on such matters as Supporter Advisory Boards and "Golden Share" arrangements at football clubs. To see these changes implemented at SWFC the Trust will need to demonstrate that it is operating effectively, is well governed, is vibrant and is clearly connected with and representative of the fanbase. Trust members will need to step up and play an active role as Directors and volunteers to make this a reality. Willing volunteers are always sought.

No other matters were raised under this item.

12. Close of Meeting.

There being no other competent business the meeting therefore closed.